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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Docket No. CP12-72-000

Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed  
Allegheny Storage Project; Dominion Transmission, Incorporated

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Allegheny Storage Project, proposed by Dominion Transmission, Incorporated (DTI) in the above-referenced docket. DTI requests authorization to construct pipeline facilities in Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The project would increase natural gas storage capacity along DTI's system by 125,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) and increase firm transportation service by 115,000 Dth/d.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Allegheny Storage Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of

the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Allegheny Storage Project includes the following facilities:

- a new 16,000-horsepower (hp) Myersville Compressor Station, 0.6-mile of 30-inch-diameter suction and discharge pipelines, a new valve site, and upgrades at the existing Tuscarora Metering and Regulating (M&R) Station in Frederick County, Maryland;
- a new 3,550-hp Mullett Compressor Station, 0.5-mile of 16-inch-diameter suction and 10-inch-diameter discharge pipelines, and upgrades at the existing Mullett 1 M&R Station in Monroe County, Ohio;
- installation of additional dehydration at the existing Wolf Run Compressor Station in Lewis County, West Virginia; and
- 1.8 miles of 16-inch-diameter replacement pipeline, 1.3 miles of 20-inch-diameter replacement pipeline, and installation of ancillary equipment at the Sabinsville Storage Station in Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups;

Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding.

In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website

([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Public Reference Room

888 First Street NE, Room 2A

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Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before **July 16, 2012**.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP12-

72-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the [eComment](#) feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can also file your comments electronically using the [eFiling](#) feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “[eRegister](#).” You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select “Comment on a Filing”; or
- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

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Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but **you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.**

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at **(866) 208-FERC**, or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP12-72). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or

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<sup>1</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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